

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: Mar 23, 2002**

Trade sentiment was about steady with markets testing. Demand improved but traders were unsettled and cautious with most watching further market developments. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts complex, b/s breast were readily available, bone in breast were clearing but adequate, leg quarters were adequate with some increased confidence, wings were irregular but still available. Weights were mostly desirable to trending heavier.

	FOOD SERVICE/ <u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	24,096	24,088	49,831	98,015
Percentage	25%	25%	51%	101%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,860	3.94
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	8,597	8.77
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	2,877	2.94
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>8,762</u>	<u>8.94</u>
		24,096	24.58

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Feb 02	186,292	104	146,627	101	182,362	101	146,660	101	153,992	99
Feb 09	186,938	104	146,715	102	188,054	104	151,096	105	155,316	101
Feb 16	187,608	103	148,311	105	181,899	103	146,269	105	157,980	102
Feb 23	187,326	102	150,308	105	184,453	103	149,252	104	155,982	99
Mar 02	187,703	101	151,286	105	186,083	104	149,538	104	154,906	99
Mar 09	186,560	101	151,592	104	184,966	105	149,422	105	155,103	100
Mar 16	186,677	101	151,097	101	185,018	103	148,832	103	153,229	99
Mar 23	186,830	101	150,733	100	182,924	102	145,442	100	151,624	99
Mar 30	185,781	102	150,999	101	183,398	102	146,495	102	146,133	96

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/01/02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	45.76	45.41	50.00
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	45.43	45.24	52.84
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	64.94	64.46	64.84
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	53.64	52.95	58.42
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	60.60	60.53	60.83
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	36.44	37.12	49.47

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered)</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB)</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB)</u>
	<u>04/05/02</u>	<u>04/05/02</u>	<u>04/08/02</u>
Breast - B/S	123.58	122.83	133.50
Tenderloins	131.06	143.45	178.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	59.76	66.50	67.00(Whole)
Leg Quarters	18.55	13.77	19.50
Wings	61.47	67.81	67.00